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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO US SENATE DELEGATION TO INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 17347

1. WE HAVE DRAWN UP A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE POSSIBLE SENATE DELEGATION VISIT WHICH IS INTENDED TO ILLUSTRATE THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS WE FORESEE COMPOSING SUCH A VISIT. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THESE SUGGESTIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS. THE AVAILABILITY NOT ONLY OF THE PRIME MINISTER (REFTEL) BUT ALSO OF OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER CABINET MEMBERS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN, PERHAPS UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE, IN VIEW OF THE COMMITMENTS THEY WILL HAVE IN CONNECTION WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S SIMULTANEOUS VISIT. THE EVENTS ESPECIALLY AFFECTED BY THIS CONSIDERATION HAVE BEEN MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK.

2. POSSIBLE SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

10:00 A.M. BRIEFING BY THE AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM.

11:30 A.M. &CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT JATTI IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RAJA SABHA (UPPER HOUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PARLIAMENT) AND HIS DEPUTY, RAM NIWAS MIRDHA.

12:30 A.M. &CALL ON THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, RAVINDRA VARMA.

1:00 P.M. &LUNCH WITH GROUP OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

4:30 P.M. &MEETING/TEA WITH A SECOND GROUP OF MP'S,

8:00 P.M. DINNER AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

SATURDAY JANUARY 7

10:00 A.M. MEETING WITH THE PROGRAM HEADS OF THE WORLD BANK AND UN AGENCIES IN INDIA TO DISCUSS MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

11:00 A.M. &CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH BRIEFING BY MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

12:30 P.M. &CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER.

1:15 P.M. LUNCH HOSTED BY AN INDIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE INDIAN COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS OR THE INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTER.

5:00 P.M. DRINKS AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION WITH REPRESENTATIVESOF THE AMERICAN AND INDIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

8:00 P.M. SMALL DINNERS AT THE HOMES OF EMBASSY COUNSELORS WITH INDIAN GUESTS FROM SPECIFIC FIELDS OF INTEREST.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

SUNDAY IS THE WEEKLY DAY OF REST IN INDIA AND ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE CLOSED. THE EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE TRIPS TO NEARBY CITIES SUCH AS AGRA OR VISITS TO SITES OF INTEREST IN DELHI.

MONDAY , JANUARY 9

MORNING - A "FIELD TRIP" TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF NEW DELHI WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS OF US-INDIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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JOINT VENTURES, A RURAL HOSPITAL, AND A VILLAGE UNDER THEHOSPITAL'S HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

1:00 P.M. RETURN TO NEW DELHI FOR LUNCH.

3:00 TO 4:00 P.M. &CALLS ON THE MIISTRIES OF DEFENSE, FINANCE AND/OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

5/00 P.M. PRESS INTERVIEW AT USIS.

8:00 P.M. &DINNER BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE GROUPED APPOINTMENTS SO THAT FIRST DAY IS SPENT WITH DELEGATION'S HOSTS FROM INDIAN PARLIAMENT. CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET MINISTRIES BEGIN ONSECOND DAY. CONCEIVABLY CALLAGHAN VISIT WILL MAKE IT ADVISABLE TO MOVE ALL EVENTS NOT INVOLVING GOI OFFICIALS FORWARD TO THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF DELEGATION'S STAY AND TO SHIFT OFFICIAL CALLS TO LAST TWO DAYS. (& MEANS ASTERISK).

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